



Tips for Car Seat Safety for Children 1 to 3 Years Old



Children between 1 and 3 years old should remain in rear-facing car seats until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, he or she is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

Always:

- Read the instructions before you install the car seat. Also, read your car's owner's manual.
- Install the car seat in the back seat and never in front of an active airbag.
- Make sure the car seat is tightly secured in your vehicle, using either the seat belt or the LATCH system for installation.
- For forward-facing car seats, connect the top tether strap to your vehicle's tether anchor and tighten.
- Properly position the harness on your child.
 - For rear-facing car seats, harness straps should lie flat and be placed through the slots located at or below your child's shoulders.
 - For forward-facing car seats, harness straps should lie flat and be placed through the slots located at or above your child's shoulders.
- Buckle the harness, and the chest clip, and tighten. The harness is snug enough when you cannot pinch any extra material at the shoulder.
- Place the chest clip at armpit level.

Get Automatic Recall Information

Register your car seat. If the car seat is found to have a possible safety problem, or if there is a recall, the maker of the seat will provide instructions.



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